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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division/OSI

SUBJECT: Air Force Request to Declassify an OSI
                  Paper on UFO's

REFERENCE: CIA/OSI "Report of the Scientific Panel
                  on Unidentified Flying Objects" dated
                  February 1953

   1. Mrs. Sara B. Hunt, of the Office of Information,
Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, visited Mr. D.
B. Stevenson on 19 July 1966 to discuss an Air Force re-
quest to declassify the referenced report.

   2. Mrs. Hunt indicated that this request was trig-
gered by the 12 May "CBS Reports" program. Dr. H. P.
Robertson, Chairman of the panel, was on the show and re-
portedly made sufficient references to CIA involvement in
UFO analysis to cause a press reaction.

   3. A review of the documents supplied by Mrs. Hunt
showed that Mr. Phil Strong had approved a similar Air
Force request in December 1957. This resulted in a san-
itized version of the original consultants' report. This
report presented most of the conclusions but it did not
refer to the original meeting minutes, case histories, or
indicate CIA involvement. Mrs. Baldwin has OSI copies
of the reports and correspondence).

   4. Although the Air Force request now in OSI does
not request additional declassification, Mrs. Hunt ex-
pressed the view that this was intended. Mrs. Hunt said
that the Air Force is now trying to declassify all U.S.
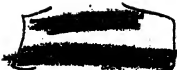Government work on UFO's.

   5. Inasmuch as my review of the original material
showed that significant deletions would be required for
further declassification, I suggested that Mrs. Hunt ask
the Air Force originator to submit a second request, if
they wanted declassification of additional material from
the minutes and case histories.

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6. Mrs. Hunt said that a more specific request would
be sent to us in the near future.

7. Mr. Loomis is holding the recent Air Force request
until Mrs. Hunt contacts us.

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